GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CAPART
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a separate Council for Advancement of PeoplesAction and Rural Technology in every State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to decentralize CAPART and; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed be taken to improve the functioning of CAPART during 1999-2000?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): In order to decentralise the functioning of CAPART, nine Regional Committee offices have been opened so far at Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dharwad, Jaipur,Guwahati, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Patna.Eligible projects upto Rs.20.00 lakhs can now be sanctioned by the Regional Committeess.This has resulted in the process of sanctioning more schemes at the Regional Committee level.

From 01.04.1999, CAPART has restricted funding only to three sectors namely, Public Cooperation (PC), Organisation of Beneficiaries (OB) and Advancement of Rural Technology Scheme (ARTS).CAPART also supports projects under Disability Action, Watershed Development as also disaster mitigation and rehabilitation work. Emphasis is on tranparency, flexibility, innovative and integrated approach in project preparation to ensure people`s participation.

At Head Office level, National Standing committees now sanction all projects upto 1.00 crore and projects above Rs.1.00 crore can be sanctioned by the Executive Committee. Pre-funding appraisal is a mandatory provision before sanction of the project. Revised guidelines have also been issued to clarify the scope of PC and OB schemes, and a large number of workshops conducted to make the concept and procedures clear to the voluntary organisations.